

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 15 1500 Hours 8 September 2006

New Information in Italics and bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts now focus on damage assessments, meeting immediate assistance needs, **and determining recommendations to the Governor for requesting a Presidential Disaster declaration.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service and River Forecast Center forecasts, producing Situation Reports, **and assisting in damage assessments compilation.**

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort with heavy emphasis on the City of Richmond; manage an aggressive response to requests for assistance; keep stakeholders and the public informed and compile Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for use in a potential request for a Presidential declaration.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Awaiting Marine Resources Commission's recommendation to the Governor on whether or not the Executive Order should be altered to provide a state exemption for pier and shoreline restoration permitting.

Protective Actions: **Local Activation of EOC:**

Richmond City – Reactivated 4 September @ 1100

Local State of Emergency Declared

James City County – 7 September @ 1200

York County – 1 September @ 0900

City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900

City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130

City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200

Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230

Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200

Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200

Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400

Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830

Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600

Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200

Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

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ESF 15 – External Affairs: A local public advisory to assist with citizen inquiries regarding reporting damage and the potential request for Federal disaster assistance was sent to local emergency managers in VDEM Regions 1 and 5. Coordination of media coverage of joint PDA's and routine response to media and legislative inquiries is ongoing.

WEATHER FORECAST

Although Tropical Storm/Hurricane Florence does not seem to pose a threat to the Commonwealth, the VEOC continues to monitor the storm for potential impacts on response operations.

Tonight: Areas of fog after midnight otherwise partly cloudy and gradually becoming clear. Low 59 degrees, winds calm.

Saturday: Areas of dense fog before 9am otherwise sunny, with a high near 87 degrees: light north wind.

OPERATIONS SECTION

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and River Forecast Center forecasts.

LOCAL LIAISON: Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	In Progress

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: *Drinking water system status indicates that all waterworks that had lost power or been on emergency backup power have returned to line power. Many systems are still under boil water notices (BWN). Portions of the following counties under this advisory are James City County, Essex, Henrico, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond (County), Westmoreland, Goochland, King William, Gloucester, Chesterfield. An approximate citizen population effected by the BWN is now at 44,900; with most systems located in the Northern Neck.*

The OCME reported an increase in the number of TS Ernesto related fatalities to seven as a result of a tree contractor falling while working on trees damaged by the storm on September 6.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: At 1600 hours 7 September, VDOT reported 10 secondary roads closed or under repair due to flooding or washout **related to TS Ernesto and considered that report as final.**

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services: *As of 1400 hours 8 September, the American Red Cross reports that 2 Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) were positioned in Gloucester County providing cleanup kits, water, food and bleach where ARC has sheltered 3 in motels. 1 shelter open in Hampton/Newport News with 17 occupants. Greater Richmond had 4 ERV's available but 3 have been released. The one ERV is housed at Richmond Chapter being used to distribute cleanup kits. A total of 58 cases opened to date. One (1) ERV distributing water in Chincoteague. One (1) ERV distributing food in Mathews County..*

Approximate totals for event to date are 1040 for cleanup kits and 227 cases open. ARC is still staffing VEOC.

LOGISTICS SECTION

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ESF 7 – Resource Support: Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 120 trailers in VA. VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting additional input from localities.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
Accomack County	\$3,085,000	\$767,000.00*
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
Amelia County	N/A	\$29,121.73*
Appomattox County	N/A	\$8,782.98
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Bedford County	N/A	\$3,218.07
Brunswick County	N/A	\$10,527.86 *
Buckingham County	N/A	\$478.68
Campbell County	N/A	\$16,119.47
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$5,800*
Charlotte County	N/A	\$13,025.71
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$30,573.84*
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	\$141,514.75*
Essex County	\$1,250,000	\$145,192.19*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	\$1,336,460	\$607,656*
Greensville County	N/A	\$2,500*
Hampton City	\$443,000**	\$39,000
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Hopewell City	\$5,000	\$28,000
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$280,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$250,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$374,000*
King and Queen County	N/A	\$135,804.90*
King William County	N/A	\$105,964.81*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$158,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$43,842.16*
Mathews County	\$3,168,000	\$205,000*
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$6,331.51*
Middlesex County	\$8,540,925	\$510,000*
New Kent County	\$552,000	\$19,500*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	\$44,275
Northampton County	\$7,744,653	\$144,950*
Northumberland County	\$18,805,000	\$697,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$32,368.11*
Petersburg, City of	\$20,000	N/A
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$224.05
Poquoson, City of	\$406,000	\$92,100

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Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$43,301.98*
Prince Edward	N/A	\$34,097.21
Prince George County	\$315,500	\$15,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	\$9,000,000	\$39,280,321
Richmond County	\$1,600,000	\$178,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$50,000*
Spotsylvania County	N/A	\$22,000*
Stafford County	N/A	\$36,500*
Surry County	N/A	\$75,300*
Sussex County	N/A	\$59,000*
Virginia Beach, City of	\$225,000	\$75,000
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$118,500*
York County	\$517,000	\$937,000*
Total	\$62,835,538**	\$46,332,417.29*

*includes VDOT and Electric Cooperative estimates

** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

As of **1400 hours 8 September**, State Agencies are reporting a total of **\$250,047.62** in damages.

Damage Assessment Team: *Damage Assessment Teams visited the following locations on 8 September: Lancaster County, Mathews County, New Kent County, and the Cities of Hampton and Newport News. Additional visits will occur on 10 September, primarily to evaluate road damage.*

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and ***prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office (JFO) following a Presidential Declaration.***

LOCAL ACTIVITY SECTION

A meeting will be held in Newport News, John Marshall Elementary School at 6:30pm on Monday, September 11, 2006. Due to the extensive impact on residents in certain areas within the cities of Newport News and Hampton; the city is requesting a representative of FEMA to attend the meeting to assist in answering questions and provide information to the residents.

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